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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

13 March 1957

SUBJECT: Expansion of Agency Records Center

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1. On 4 March I was requested to meet [REDACTED] in the Office of the DD/S to discuss the expansion of the Agency Records Center.

2. Colonel White, the DD/S, advised us that the Director has discussed the addition to the Agency Records Center at the DCI's Staff Meeting that day. He indicated that the DCI was not inclined to sign the PRC action proposing the addition to the Agency Records Center because of the President's viewpoint with respect to further inflating the economy through any construction programs.

3. Colonel White also indicated that the DCI had discussed this project with Mr. Amory, DD/I, who had some reservations with respect to the political advisability of proceeding with construction in view of the President's viewpoint. Colonel White proposed that we review all Agency Records Control Schedules to see if we can make any further progress in reducing our record volumes through destruction. He also proposed that we prepare for his signature a memorandum to the DD/I and DD/P outlining the DCI's viewpoint and requesting them to do what they can in their respective areas to carry on a greater destruction of unnecessary records. Colonel White also indicated that he had discussed this matter on a preliminary basis with the Bureau of the Budget and that he would want me to be present when this project was proposed to the Bureau.

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4. I advised Colonel White that we were now reviewing our schedules to see what improvements could be made and that we had further considered all possibilities to provide for additional space when the Records Center Building is filled. I advised him that I had contacted [REDACTED] and suggested to him the possibility of using a building on 26th Street, East of the Heurich Brewery which is now used by the Atomic Energy Commission as a warehouse. I also told him about the plan to install shelving in the isles of our Records Center thereby increasing our capacity by approximately another two thousand cubic feet.

5. Colonel White suggested that we proceed with the development of the communication to the DD/I and DD/P, that we further informally explore the possibility of space for Records Center operations ~~after approximately October 1.~~

6. A copy of the memorandum sent to the DD/I and DD/P are attached.

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